Inspecting the Viaduct.

Rep. Zack Hudgins (D-11th District)

Transportation Update - Here's what I'm working on:

- The 2007-09 transportation budget creates over 25,000 jobs by investing \$7.5 billion in projects and operations throughout the state. The budget moves forward on the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the 520 bridge. Watch for initial Viaduct construction beginning soon.
- Selling everything from apples and airplanes to software has an enormous economic impact on our state. I've joined the Legislature's new Freight Mobility Task Force because I want to shape the future of our highways and rail lines so we can move goods more quickly and efficiently.
- The Port of Seattle manages the airport and piers that drive a large piece of our economy. That's why I want to see the

Port run better. I'll remain vigilant about increasing the Port's accountability, from better environmental standards and public oversight to audits.

- We need to remember that nothing moves in transportation without fuel. That's why I've led efforts to encourage alternative fuel sources like biodiesel. We must always explore and encourage new technologies to improve our air quality and protect jobs.
- Transportation solutions aren't only about cars, trucks and highways. This year, I helped secure almost \$5 million in safety projects for the pedestrian and bicycle Talking with Carlos Arco and safety program for our neighborhoods.

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